Chengannur school should be over. before deciding the question of starting one at Thiruvalla. The people had about 253 girls ready for admission. He said that the people of the taluk were smarting under sore disappointment in the matter of the Girls' School, and he therefore prayed that a school be started at Thiruvalla without further loss of time. He added that Mrs. Nicholson's Girls' School at Thiruvalla would not meet requirements, as it was open only to unmarried Christian girls and only a very limited number could be admitted therein.

Dewan's reply.—A Lower Grade Secondary School for Girls will be opened at Thiruvalla, as an experimental measure.

129. The desirability of raising the Lower Grade Secondary School at Kottarakara to that of a Higher Grade Secondary School.

Mr. Padmanabhan Kochukunju (Member, Kottarakara taluk) said that the Lower Grade Secondary School at Kottarakara was established 41 years ago. The necessity for raising the school to the Higher Grade was recognised by the Government and the fact was also published in the Gazette. But no further action had yet been taken. He therefore requested that the Fourth Form be at once opened and the school gradually raised to a pucka High School. The people were ready to give a temporary shed for the additional class.

Dewan.—A Private School is proposed to be started at Kottarakara, beginning with Form IV.

The Member said that he seriously doubted if the authorities would begin from Form IV. They would very likely insist on having the lower classes also.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The policy of the Government is against increasing the number of the Departmental *Higher* Grade Secondary Schools.

130. The absence of satisfactory arrangement to meet the growing educational requirements of the Meenachil taluk.

Mr. Vadakkan Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Meenachil taluk) said that the Meenachil taluk was very backward in secondary education and that there was only one Lower Grade Secondary School in the taluk, which was quite insufficient to meet the full demands of the growing population. The Pala Church authorties had, at the request of the public, established a Lower Grade Secondary School and provided it with all the equipment required under the Education Code. They were also prepared to remove the defects, if any were found, within a limited period and to spend any amount towards improving the school according to the directions of the Education Department. But, in spite of all that, recognition was not granted to the school, and the people felt it as a real grievance. The Member requested—

(1) that steps should be taken for granting recognition to the L. G. S. School conducted by the Pala Church authorities and that the students of the highest class, who passed the class examinations of the current year, should be allowed admission into any schools in the State ;

(2) that either a Higher Grade Secondary School should be established in the taluk or the Government should render the necessary help in raising the standard of the Pala L. G. S. School to that of a Higher Grade Secondary School; and

(3) that a Lower Grade Secondary School for Girls should also be started.

The Member next pointed out that the taluk was also very poor in point of elementary education when compared to the other taluks in the State, and he requested—

(1) that the Government should immediately put up a school building on the site acquired for the Higher Grade Elementary School at Pala;

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